



#### Incidence

- 1 in 5 children have a special health care need.
- Over 4000 chronic conditions identified





#### Mission

Assure that children with special health care needs and their families have the opportunity to achieve the healthiest life possible and develop to their fullest potential.





- CSHCN was started in 1935
- Under the Federal Social Security Act
- Mandated for all states to establish a CSHCN program





# Children with Special Health Care Needs Washington State

- Department of Health
  - Office of Maternal and Child Health
    - Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs





## CSHCN: Quality Assurance Activities

- Involvement in policy development within health care systems
- Forming partnerships with providers to influence access to care





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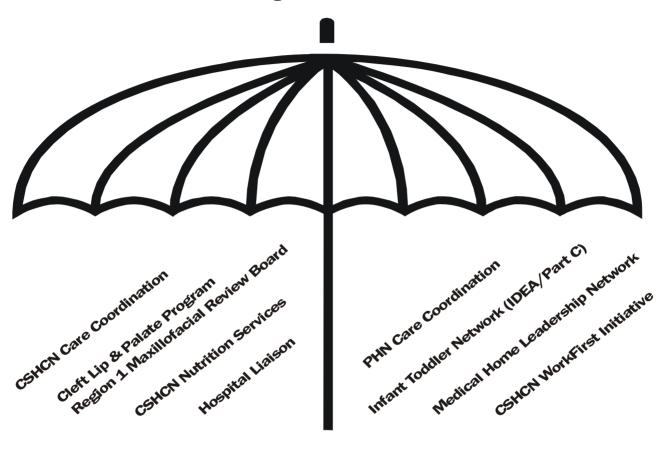
- Promoting flexibility in benefit coverage with health care plans
- Participating in community organizations & agencies that support children with special health care needs





#### **Spokane Regional Health District**

Children With Special Health Care Needs









Medical Home Leadership Network







## **CSHCN:** Child Health Notes

A series of newsletters designed to offer primary health care providers current information on the early identification and management of special health and development concerns.





## CSHCN: Child Health Notes

Developed in partnership with:

- The Washington Department of Health and
- \* The University of Washington-Center on Human Development and Disability.





## Spokane Child Health Notes

- Started in 2001
- Three newsletters per year
- Sample topics:
  - Red Flags in Motor Development
  - Hearing Impairment in Early Childhood
  - Down Syndrome

- Distributed to:
  - 145 community partners
  - 180 family practice physicians, physicians' assistants, & nurse practitioners
  - 58 pediatricians & pediatric nurse practitioners
  - 50 pediatric specialists





### **CSHCN:** Child Health Notes

#### Electronic versions

- State version: www.medicalhome.org/leadership/chn.cfm
- SRHD version: www.srhd.org/health/womenchildren/childrenhealthnotes.asp



